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## **GRANDVIEW MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR ADVERTISING CHILD PORN ON INTERNET**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grandview, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for advertising child pornography on the internet.

**James A. Shearin**, 40, of Grandview, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to 15 years in federal prison without parole.

On June 23, 2005, **Shearin** pleaded guilty to publishing a notice and advertisement offering to exchange, produce, display, distribute and reproduce child pornography. **Shearin** admitted that uploaded and posted images to Yahoo! Internet chat rooms including descriptions and titles advertising to display and distribute child pornography between June 9, 2003, and Oct. 23, 2003. **Shearin** posted the advertisements from his home computer, Graves said.

The court also ordered **Shearin** to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the alleged offenses, including a Sony Vaio computer seized from his residence on June 14, 2004.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cynthia Phillips. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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